

## DECLARATION

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **DEVICE AND METHOD FOR PROTECTING AGAINST OXIDATION OF A CONDUCTIVE LAYER IN SAID DEVICE**, the specification of which:

X is attached hereto.

\_\_\_\_\_ was filed on \_\_\_\_\_, as Application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability of the subject matter claimed in this application as "materiality" is defined in Title 37 of the Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56.

I hereby claim the benefit of any earlier filing date in the United States to which I am entitled under Title 35 of the United States Code, § 120 and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35 of the United States Code, § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37 of the Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

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Dear Sir:

The undersigned, being Assignee of the entire interest in the above-identified application by virtue of an Assignment recorded in the United States Patent and Trademark Office as set forth below or filed herewith, hereby elects, under 37 C.F.R. § 3.71, to prosecute the application to the exclusion of the inventor(s).

The Assignee hereby revokes any previous Powers of Attorney and appoints: Charles B. Brantley, II, Reg. No. 38,086; Michael L. Lynch, Reg. No. 30,871; Walter D. Fields, Reg. No. 37,130; Kevin D. Martin, Reg. No. 37,882; and David J. Paul, Reg. No. 34,692 as its attorney or agent, with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute the application, to make alterations and amendments therein, to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office in connection therewith, to receive any Letters Patent, and for one year after issuance of such Letters Patent to file any request for a certificate of correction that may be deemed appropriate.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 3.73, the undersigned duly authorized designee of Assignee certifies that the evidentiary documents have been reviewed, specifically the Assignment to MICRON TECHNOLOGY, INC., referenced below, and certifies that to the best of my knowledge and belief, title remains in the name of the Assignee.

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